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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6829

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 4500

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS PK IR

SUBJ: TANK RETROFIT PROGRAM

REF: ISLAMABAD 4336

1. IN DEC 1975, GOI ASKED ARMISH/MAAG FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA FOR NEW M-47 GUNS. ARMISH/MAAG REPLY STATED THAT GUNS WERE NO LONGER CARRIED IN US ARMY INVENTORY BUT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE OBTAINED FROM MILITARY COMPONENT PARTS CORP OF OYSTER BAY COVE, NEW YORK. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FIRM INFORMED GOI IT DID NOT HAVE GUNS AVAILABLE. ON APRIL 12, IIGF OFFICER TOLD ARMISH/MAAG THAT A GERMAN COMPANY HAD OFFERED TO STUDY WHETHER IT COULD MANUFACTURE GUN BARRELS IF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS COULD BE PROVIDED. CHIEF ARMISH/MAAG 121534Z APR 76. REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION.

2. AGREE WITH EMB ISLAMABAD THAT WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF THIS GOI/GOP MATTER. WE SUGGEST THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PAK OFFICERS EMB ISLAMABAD SIMPLY CONFIRM THAT WE UNDERSTAND GOI HAS HAD DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING GUNS FOR M-47. IF IRANIANS ARE NOT ABLE TO WORK OUT A MANUFACTURING DEAL WITH THE GERMAN FIRM, WE SHOULD LEAVE IT TO GOI TO INFORM GOP.

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